



February 2018

Teton High School Newsletter

 Teton School District #401

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Upcoming Events

- * Feb 1-3—All State
- * Feb 3—ACT not at THS
- * Feb 9—Matching T-Shirt Dance
- * Feb 15—Final Day to Sign Up for Winter Sports
- * Feb 16, 19—No School
- * Feb 23—Start of Spring Sports
- * Feb 28—Winter Sports Starts
- * Mar 3—Distinguished Young Women
- * Mar 7—TMS Registration
- * Mar 8—Higher Ed
- * Mar 9—Fine Arts Festival
- * Mar 13—Pre Registration
- * Mar 15-17—Musical

This month has passed by quickly. I hope students are bringing home interesting assignments. I know when I am in classes I am seeing some awesome presentations, class assignments and projects students are completing. I hope they are sharing them with you.

I want to address some concerns people have posted on Facebook and other places. First, please contact me if you have a question or a concern. If you don't feel comfortable with coming and talking to me please contact Mr. Woolstenhulme at the district office. Second, I don't think all the information is coming home correctly. Just like any communication, when it passes through different people some of the information is lost.

From the Principal's Desk

Student Vehicle Parking policy 3450 and 3450F has been at the heart of the most recent controversy. It has come to a point where students are being asked to register their cars by using the board approved form. It states parking at school is a privilege and not a right. It also states a student's car may be searched. It continues by reinforcing drivers to follow speed limits, operate their vehicle safely, park appropriately and maintaining insurance.

We have had several situations that have pushed us to implement the policy now. To name a few, we have had accidents, reckless driving, vandalism, suspicious vehicles and parking in non designated areas. On top of that our enrollment has increased which means more drivers.

I know there are people upset about the language of searching the cars. This is covered in more depth in board policy 3370. On part of the school we do not go searching through vehicles unless we have reasonable suspicion. We don't have time, resources or interest to do that. If it becomes necessary to search a car we do it in accordance to policy 3370 and in the presence of the student. We also call the parent and let them know afterwards. We try to be as transparent as possible.

Again if you have any questions or problems please email me or call me. My email is szogg@d401.k12.id.us. My phone number is 208-228-5924.

Samuel Zogg
Principal

Prom Committee

Prom has been scheduled for April 14th. If you are interested please contact one of the Junior Class Sponsors—Vanderhorst, K Romano, Montesano, Wilkes, J Smith, S Christensen or Hawkins.

Winter Sports

All students need to have signed up for a Winter Sports activity by the 15th. If they are not signed up by the 12th Mrs. Hansen will start calling students down so they all have a place by the 15th. If you are struggling with trying to choose one please see Mrs. Hansen or Mr. Zogg.

Spring Sports

All students interested in playing Baseball, Softball or Track must have a current physical on file. There will be different meetings with coaches to help get them ready for the 23rd so please keep an eye open for announcements about these meetings.

Mental Health

We have started a partnership with the Mental Health Coalition. We have two counselors that come to help on Mondays and Thursdays. They are setting up and starting to meet with students in crisis. Please stay tuned for more info.

Pictures of THS



Language Arts

"Teton High School's English Department recently staged its twelfth annual Poetry Out Loud competition. The Poetry Foundation and the National Endowment for the Arts partner with state organizations like the Idaho Commission on the Arts to support the recitation contest.

Students at Teton High School memorized a poem from the Poetry Out Loud anthology and recited their poems in their respective English classes. Each classroom winner earned the opportunity to compete at the school level. This year, 22 students competed in the all-school assembly and Mason Moore repeated his title as Teton High School Poetry Out Loud Champion, while Zuri Vasquez repeated her position as first runner-up. In March, Mason will compete at the state Poetry Out Loud competition, where he placed second in 2017. Each state winner competes for \$20,000 in prize money at the national competition, which is held at The George Washington University.

One of the unique challenges with a subjective competition in a small community is finding qualified judges unknown to the competitors. Because of Teton High School's connection with Idaho State University's Early College Program, the school has been fortunate to annually host three judges from ISU. This year's judges were Thomas Klein, Professor of English; Matthew VanWinkle, Assistant Professor of English; and Anelise Ferris, English PhD candidate.

It's worth noting that in order to ensure calculation accuracy, Teton High School's English teachers outsourced the score tabulation responsibilities to math teachers Sandra Balmforth, Steve Crow, Dayna Long and Amy Sotin-Wood, who were aided by the spreadsheet wizard, Linda Hansen."

